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- 1. Japanese Unexamined patent Publication No. 11-55638, dated February 26, 1999;
- 2. Japanese Unexamined patent Publication No.11-98341, dated April 9, 1999; and
- 3. Japanese Unexamined patent Publication No.11-212463, dated August 6, 1999.

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Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, as well as English language abstracts.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required.

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